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1. SUMMARY: FACT THAT PROPAGANDA MATERIALS RELATING TO SPLITS  
WITHIN COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA (CPM) HAVE BEEN FOUND IN  
SINGAPORE HAS RECEIVED STRAIGHT-FORWARD PRESS COVERAGE HERE  
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(EXCEPT IN CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS), AS HAS THAI GOVT ANNOUNCEMENT

THAT MILITARY PRESSURE WILL BE STEPPED UP AGAINST COMMUNIST TERRORISTS (CT'S) IN BORDER AREA. ONE KL CHINESE PAPER REPORTS FIREFIGHT BETWEEN GOVT SECURITY FORCES (SF) AND CT'S IN KROH DISTRICT ON PERAK-KEDAH-THAI BORDER. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTENSION TO SINGAPORE OF PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN RELATING TO CPM SCHISM WAS FEATURED IN ENGLISH AND MALAY PRESS NOV. 5 AS WELL AS IN TV NEWS PROGRAMS EVENING NOV. 4. STATEMENTS OF SINGAPORE ISD OFFICIAL WANG HSU CHIH PER PARAS 1 AND 2 REF B ANFVREF C WERE REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT. EXCEPT FOR ONE MENTION IN "NANYANG SIANG PAU" ON NOV. 2 OF HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY STATEMENT ON CPM SPLITS (REF A), CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS HAS NOT REPORTED INTERNAL CPM DISCORD OR COMMUNIST POSTER/BANNER CAMPAIGN ON MBZNM 22. ACCORDING RELIABLE PRESS SOURCE, CHINESE PAPERS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY GOM NOT TO PUBLICIZE CPM DIFFICULTIES FOR FEAR SOME ETHNIC CHINESE WILL BE SWAYED BY COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

3. ENGLISH AND MALAY LANGUAGE DAILIES NOV. 5, AS WELL AS GOVT-CONTROLLED TELEVISION, CARRIED RTG STATEMENT THAT MILITARY PRESSURE ON CT'S IN BORDER AREA WILL BE STEPPED UP. ACCORDING TO GOVT NEWS AGENCY BERNAMA REPORT FROM BANGKOK, THAI MILITARY HAS ORDERED USE OF ARTILLERY TO BOMBARD CT SANCTUARIES, AND THAT COORDINATION WITH MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED. IN BRIEF NOTE NOV. 6, "NEW STRAITS TIMES" REPORTED THAT ONE CT WAS KILLED IN CLASH WITH JOINT THAI-MALAYSIAN FORCE IN BETONG DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN THAILAND WHEN ABOUT 50 CT'S ATTEMPTED TO OVERRUN THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER POLICE OUTPOST.

4. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CHINESE DAILY "MALAYAN THUNG PAU" NOV. 4 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHT WITH CT'S OCCURRED NOV. 3 NEAR KROH WHERE PERAK, KEDAH AND THAI BORDERS INTERSECT. GOVT SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY LOST ONE DEAD AND ONE WOUNDED; NO CT LOSSES RECORDED.

5. COMMENT: UPSURGE OF INCIDENTS RESULTING FROM INCREASED CT ACTIVITY AND INCREASED SF VIGILANCE IS NOT UNEXPECTED AS NOTED IN HOME AFFAIRS MIN GHAZALI SHAFIE STATEMENT PER PARA 5 REF A. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BANGKOK'S COMMENTS AS TO COORDINATED  
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GOM/RTG MOVES TO INTENSIFY PRESSURE ON CT'S IN BORDER AREA.  
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